COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY

D.T.E. 05-40

Respondent: John Allocca Date: August 2, 2005

<u>Information Request DTE 1-11</u>

- Q. Please refer to page 7, lines 17-19, of Mr. Allocca's testimony. Mr. Allocca states that a disadvantage of procuring gas at AECO would be the obligation to pay TransCanada's Longhaul Transportation demand charge plus 5% fuel costs. Please address whether there are any other options to paying those charges, such as released capacity, bundled service, or negotiated rates.
- A. TransCanada is not permitted to offer negotiated rates. The bundled service option is the option referred to in Mr. Allocca's testimony as the "continued purchase of gas supplies at Waddington" option. This option was determined to be the least desirable. Finally, there may be some capacity available via assignment from an existing shipper. However, because of the limited availability of capacity from AECO to Waddington, existing shippers are unwilling to assign such capacity except to parties willing to offer a premium to TransCanada's maximum rate.